

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bindner et al., U.S. Patent 6,574,340; claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bindner et al. in view of Platt, U.S. Patent 5,226,086; and claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Basseas, Patent Application Publication US 2004/0141626 in view of Bindner et al.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-7 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any other intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 4, and dependent claims 2, 3, and 5-7 all depend directly or ultimately from claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1, as currently amended, and dependent claims 2, 3 and 5-7 should all be allowable.

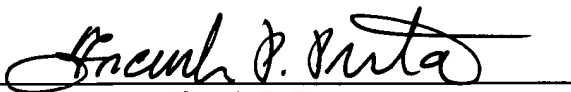
Claim 8 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 10, and dependent claims 9, 11 and 12 all depend from claim 8. Accordingly, claim 8 and dependent claims 9, 11 and 12 should all be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims in the present application should now be in allowable form. Formal allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

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